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In re Patent Application of)
Kent MALMGREN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1623
Application No.: 09/101,341)
Examiner: Everett White
Filed: July 8, 1998) Confirmation No.: 9545
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL, AN)
ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND)
ABSORBENT ARTICLES INCLUDING)
THE MATERIAL IN QUESTION)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Official Action issued on November 4, 2002:

two months to April 4, 2003; the extension fee is:

\$205.00 (2252) \$410.00 (1252).

The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated

An extension fee in the amount of \$ 410.00 is enclosed.

Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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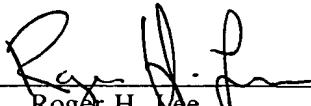
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